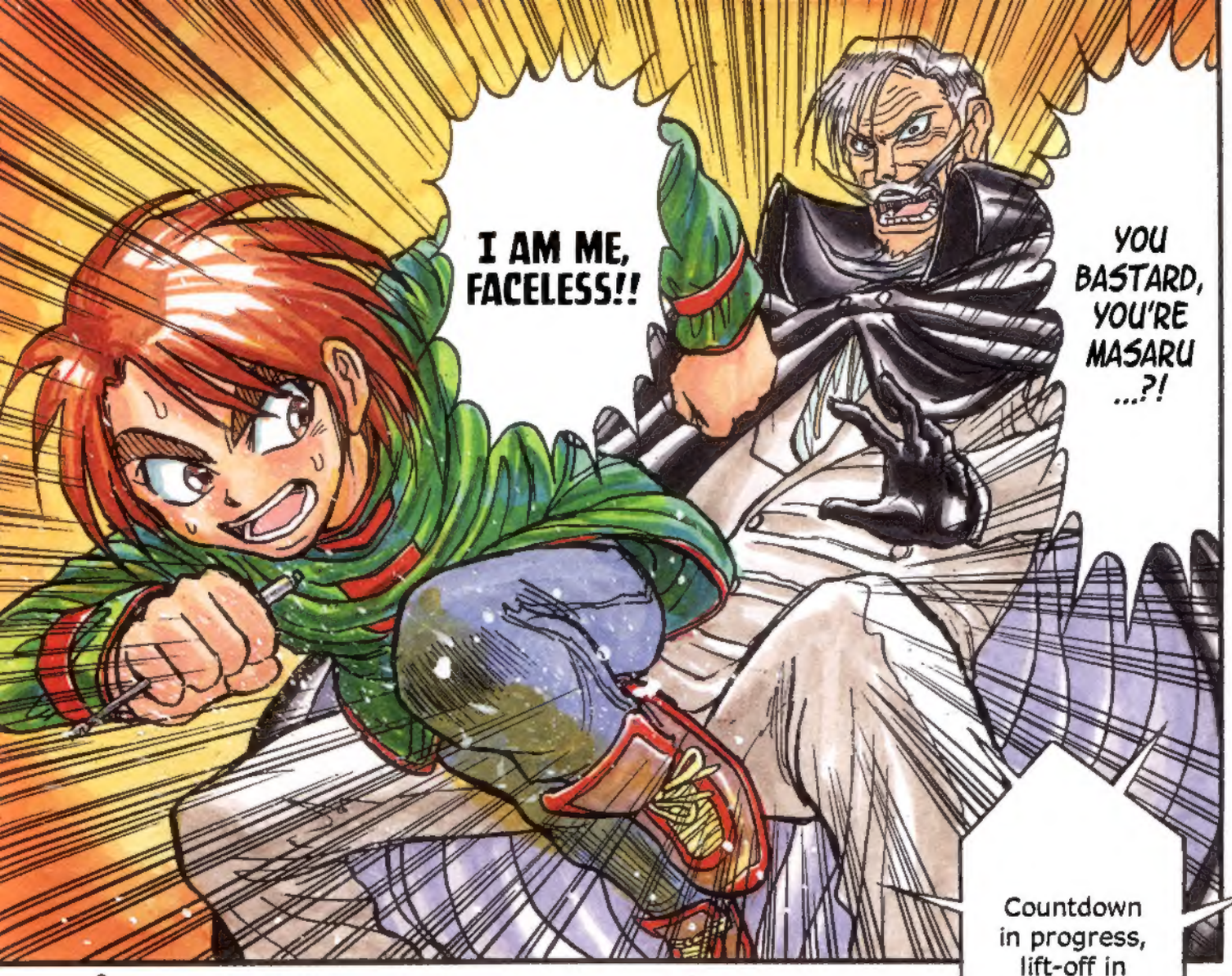
ACT 58 — COUNTDOWN: 11 MINUTES LEFT


I AM ME, FACELESS!!
YOU BASTARD, YOU'RE MASARU ...?!
Countdown in progress, lift-off in 11 minutes.

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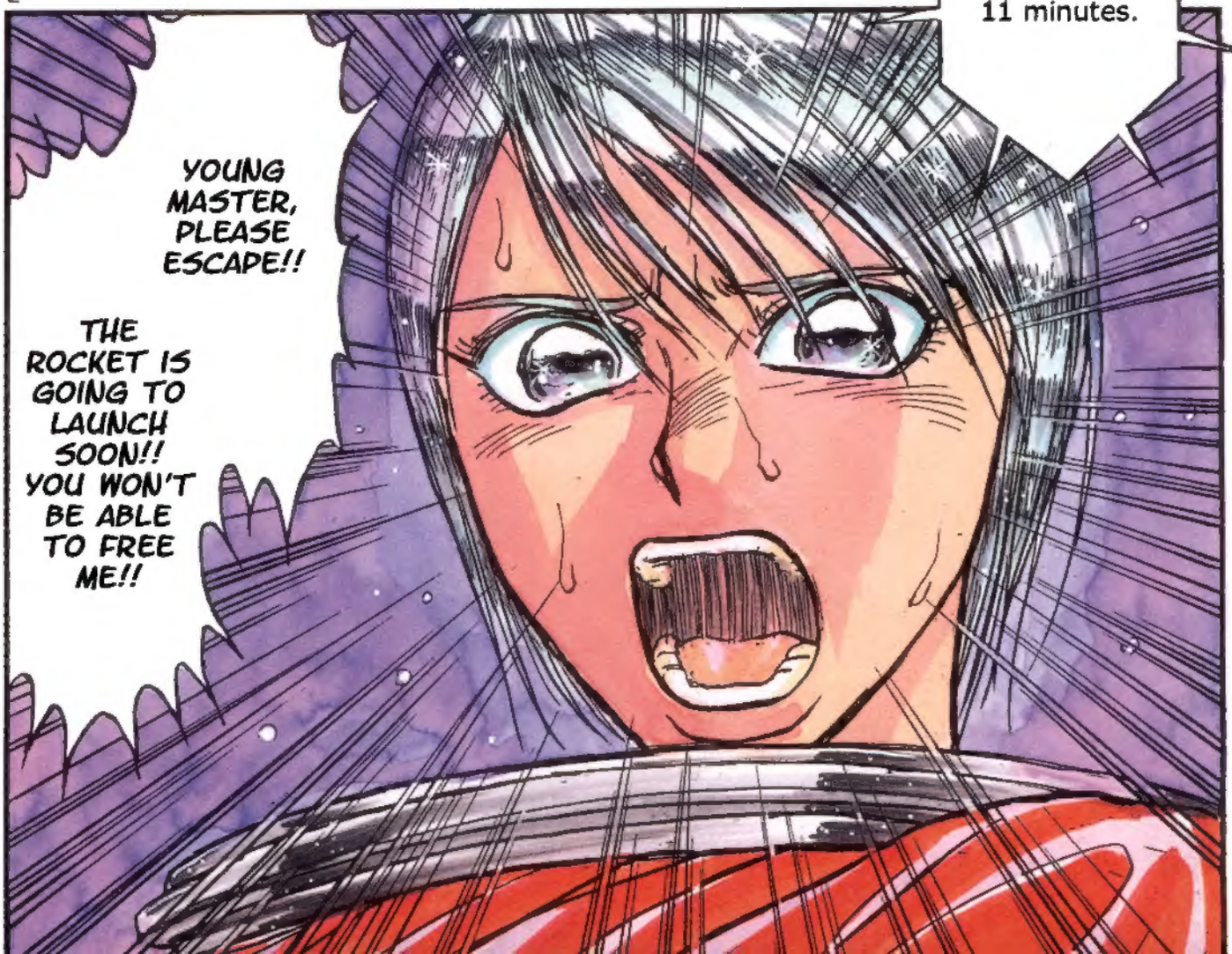
YOUNG MASTER, PLEASE ESCAPE!!
THE ROCKET IS GOING TO LAUNCH SOON!! YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FREE ME!!

I WOULD NEVER DO THAT!

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I'M GOING TO PROTECT YOU, SHIROGANE!!

I SEE...
Lift-off in 10 minutes...
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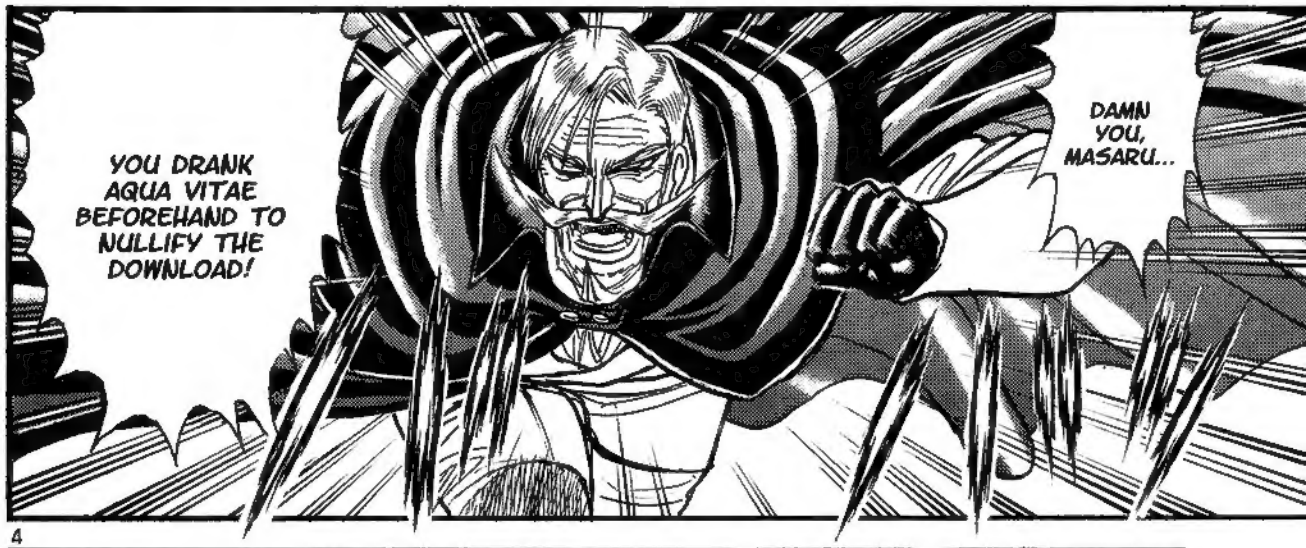
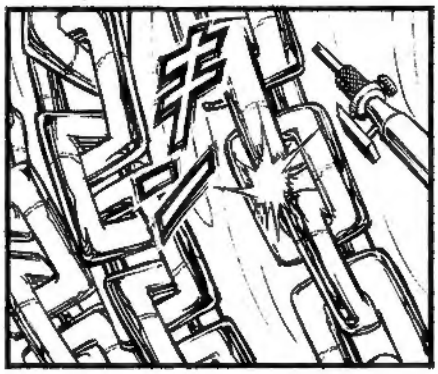
YOUNG MASTER...


YOU DRANK AQUA VITAE BEFOREHAND TO NULLIFY THE DOWNLOAD!
DAMN YOU, MASARU...

THE CHAINS AND THE CHAIR ARE WELDED TOGETHER!
THIS IS BAD! I CAN'T DISMANTLE IT!!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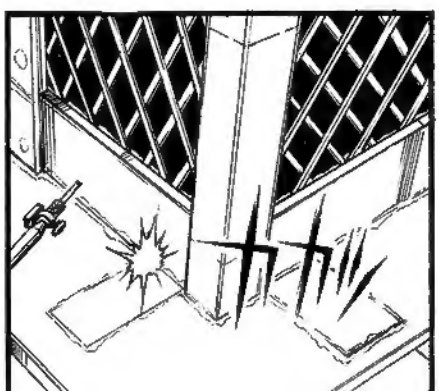
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Lift-off in 9 minutes... Final check...
YOUNG MASTER, IT'S FUTILE! JUST ESCAPE PLEASE...

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THAT'S RIGHT!
Propulsion rockets, reverse rockets...
Fuel, navigation, environmental control...
MASARU! YOU DRANK ELEONORE'S BLOOD, HUH?!
YOUNG MASTER!!

SHE LET ME DRINK HER BLOOD!

I WON'T LET THINGS GO YOUR WAY!!

IN THE END, YOU'RE JUST A CHILD!
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HMPH, DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH...

...Remote measurement, onward movement, telecommunications... No abnormalities detected in the system...
YOUNG MASTER!
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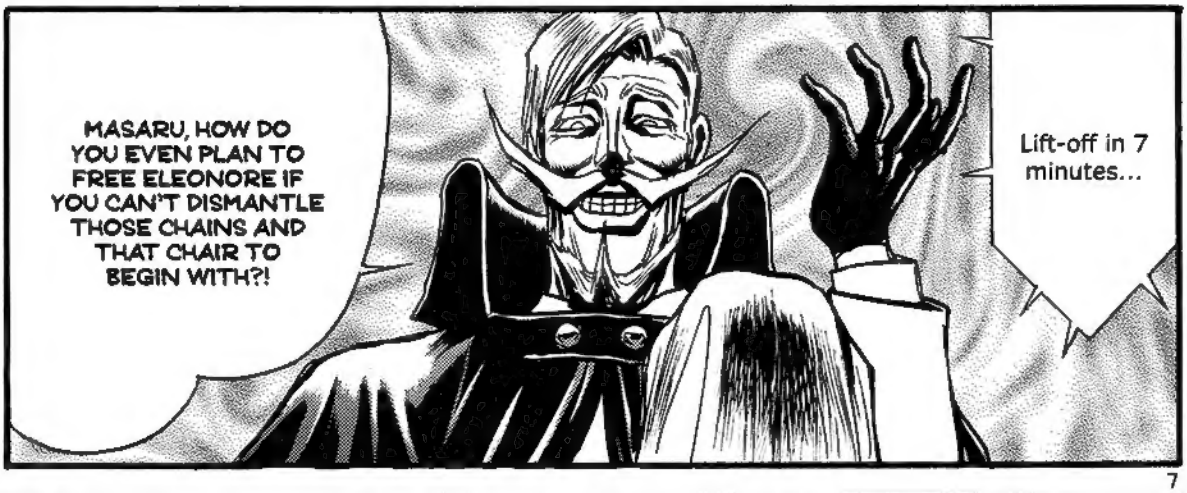
MASARU, HOW DO YOU EVEN PLAN TO FREE ELEONORE IF YOU CAN'T DISMANTLE THOSE CHAINS AND THAT CHAIR TO BEGIN WITH?!
Lift-off in 7 minutes...

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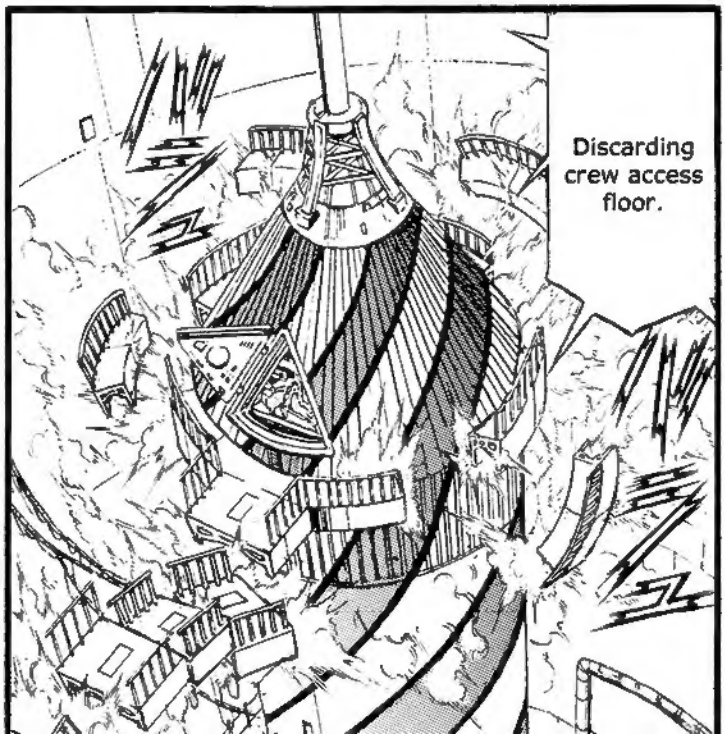
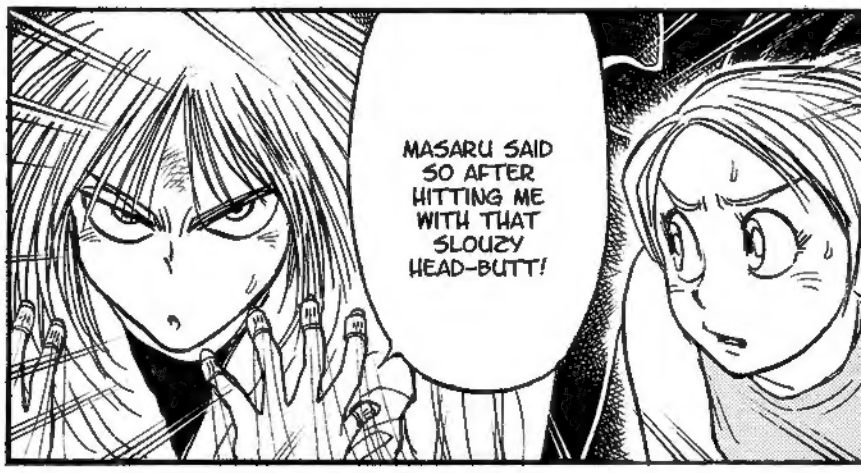
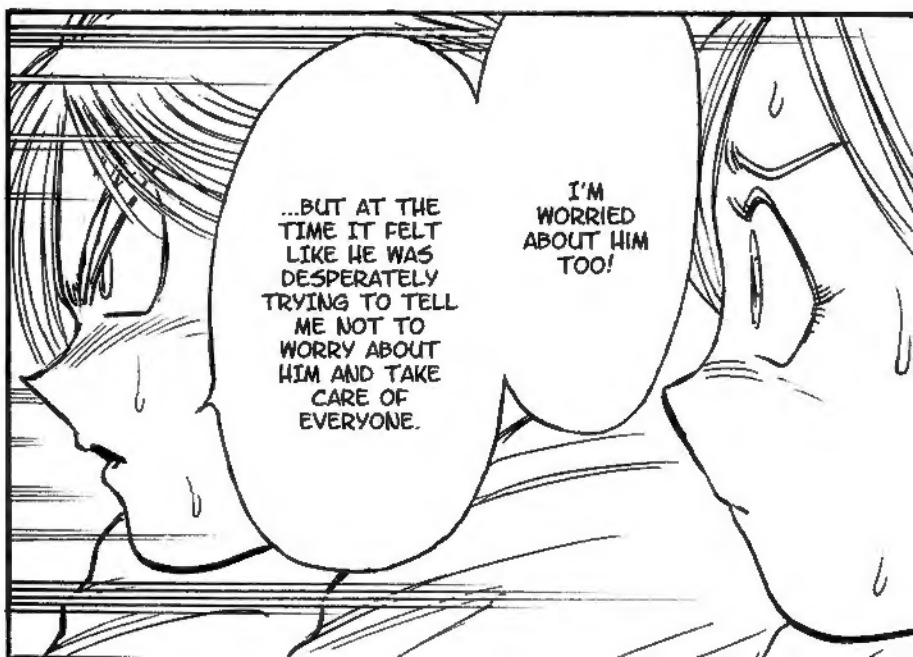

Discarding crew access floor.

YEAH, YOU HEARTLESS MONSTER!
HEIMA! IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT TO NOT HELP MASARU?!

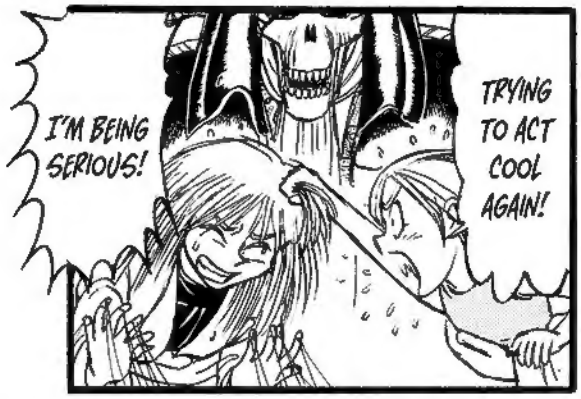
...IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE...
GET OUT OF HERE...


MASARU SAID SO AFTER HITTING ME WITH THAT SLOUZY HEAD-BUTT!

BUT THAT'S JUST YOUR GUT FEELING. THEN...


...BUT AT THE TIME IT FELT LIKE HE WAS DESPERATELY TRYING TO TELL ME NOT TO WORRY ABOUT HIM AND TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM TOO!

HE WAS ASKING TO LET HIM RISK HIS OWN LIFE!!
I KNOW, DAMN IT!


I'M BEING SERIOUS!
TRYING TO ACT COOL AGAIN!

I CAN'T CALL MYSELF A MAN IF I DON'T DO AS HE SAYS.
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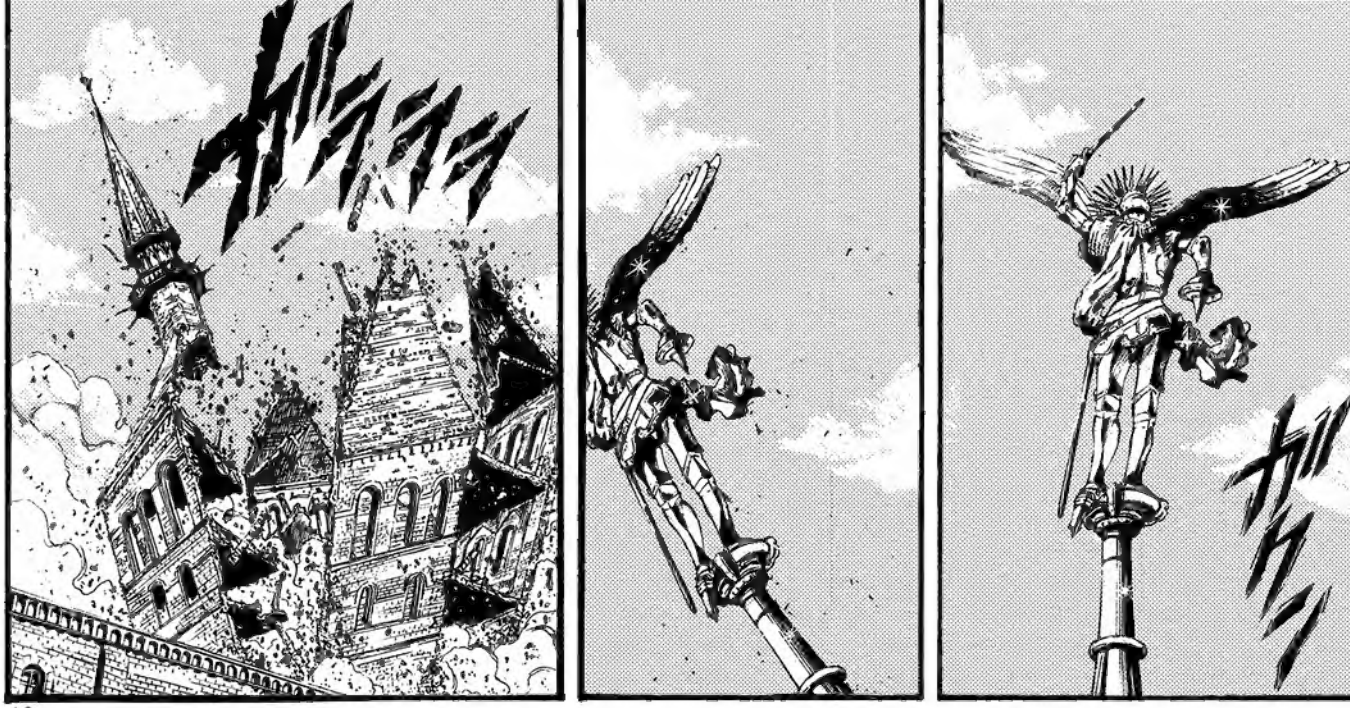

Lift-off area preparations complete...

HEARD THAT? JUST A LITTLE MORE, MASARU. LET US BLAST OFF TOGETHER...
Lift-off in 4 minutes...

YOU CAN'T! OH... NO...
I WON'T LET... SHIROGANE GO...

THEN I'LL TAKE MY SWEET TIME KILLING YOU BEFORE WE REACH THE SPACE STATION.

YOUNG MASTER!!

IS THAT SO...? THEN, DIE RIGHT NOW!
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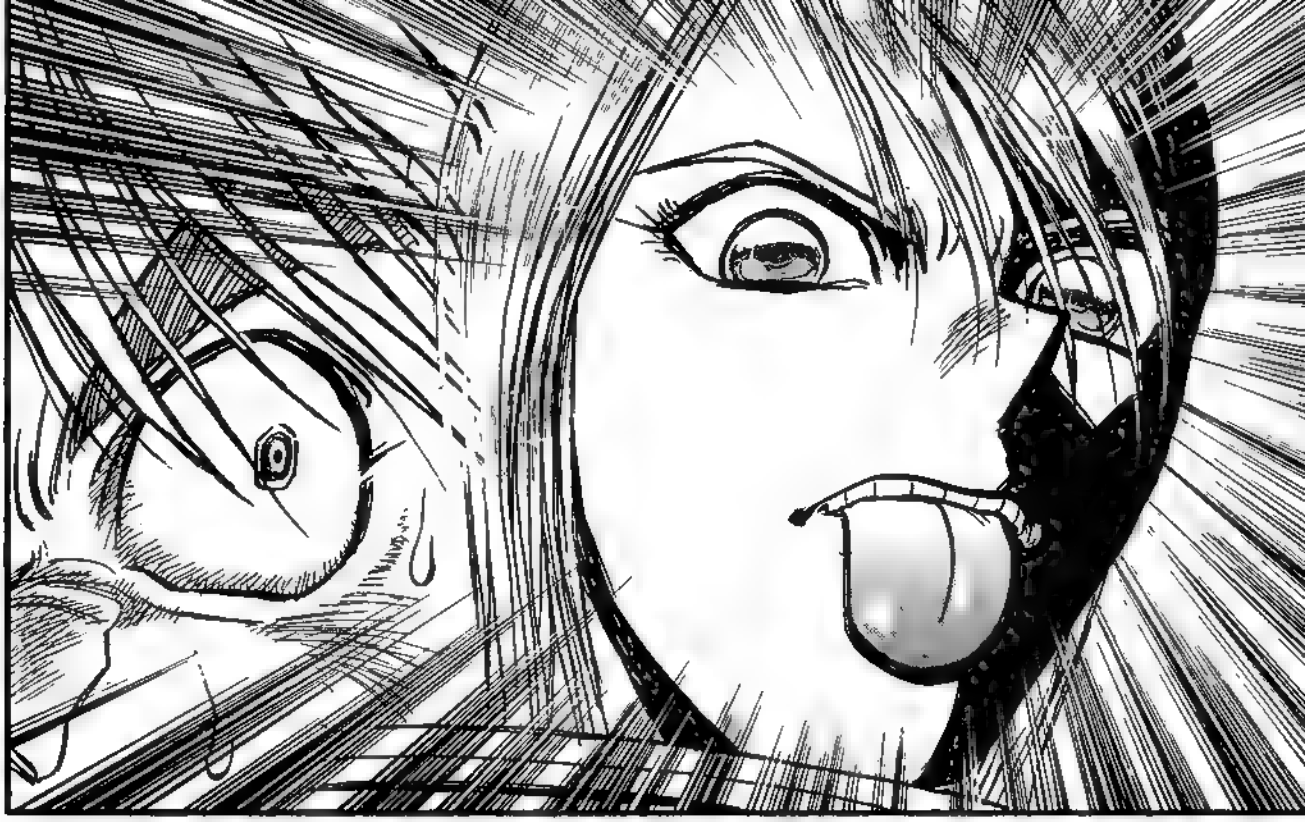

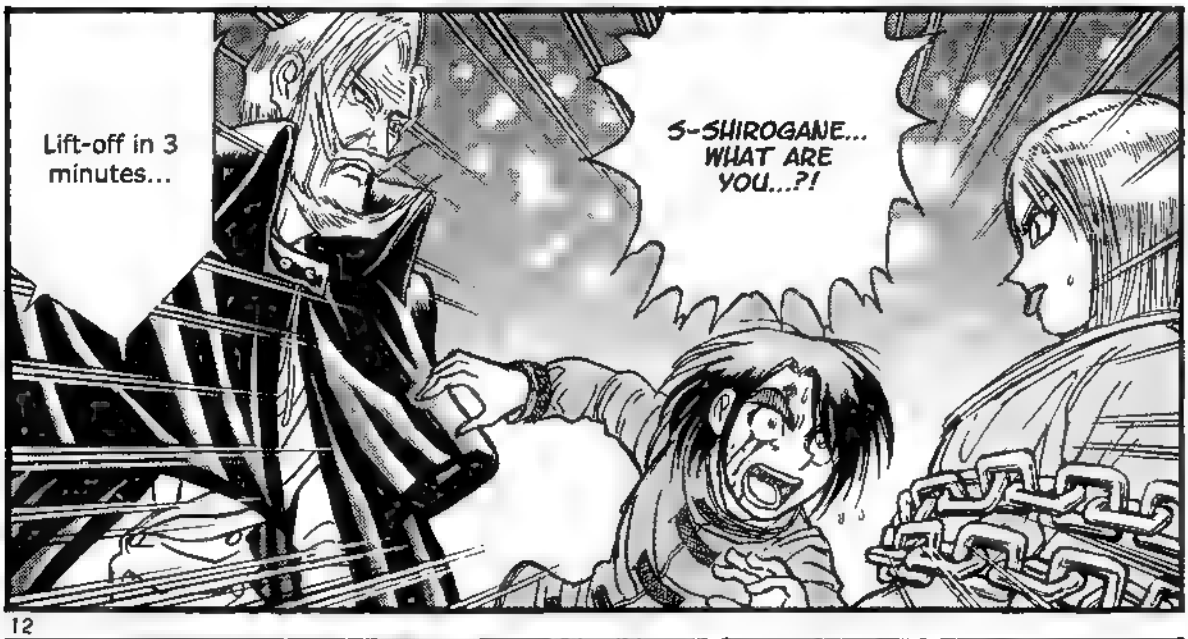
Lift-off in 3 minutes...
S-SHIROGANE... WHAT ARE YOU...?!

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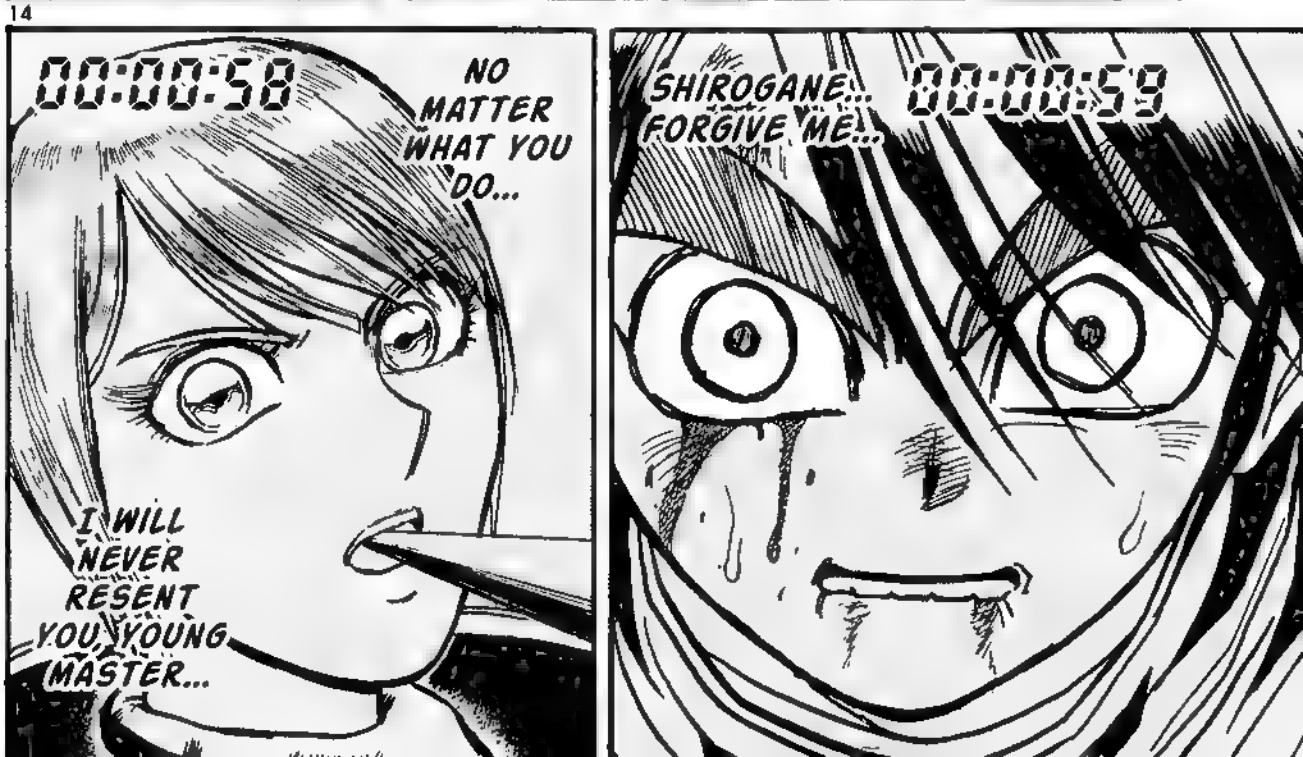
N... NO...
IF YOU DON'T RUN AWAY, I'LL BITE OFF MY TONGUE!

IF I BITE OFF MY TONGUE, THE REMAINING PART WILL ROLL BACK AND BLOCK MY RESPIRATORY TRACT, I'LL DIE OF SUFFOCATION...

SO PLEASE... GO.
YOUNG MASTER, THE SHIROGANE CAN TERMINATE THEIR OWN LIFE AT WILL.
HAHAH, HOW FOOLISH. AN IMMORTAL SHIROGANE WOULDN'T DIE TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
AU REVOIR.
SHIRO-GANE!!
Lift-off in 2 minutes...

ELEONORE, I CAN'T HAVE YOU DOING SOMETHING SELFISH LIKE THAT.
60 seconds!
Lift-off in...
YOU'RE THE WOMAN I LOVE, AFTER ALL.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NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO...
I WILL NEVER RESENT YOU, YOUNG MASTER...
SHIROGANE... FORGIVE ME...
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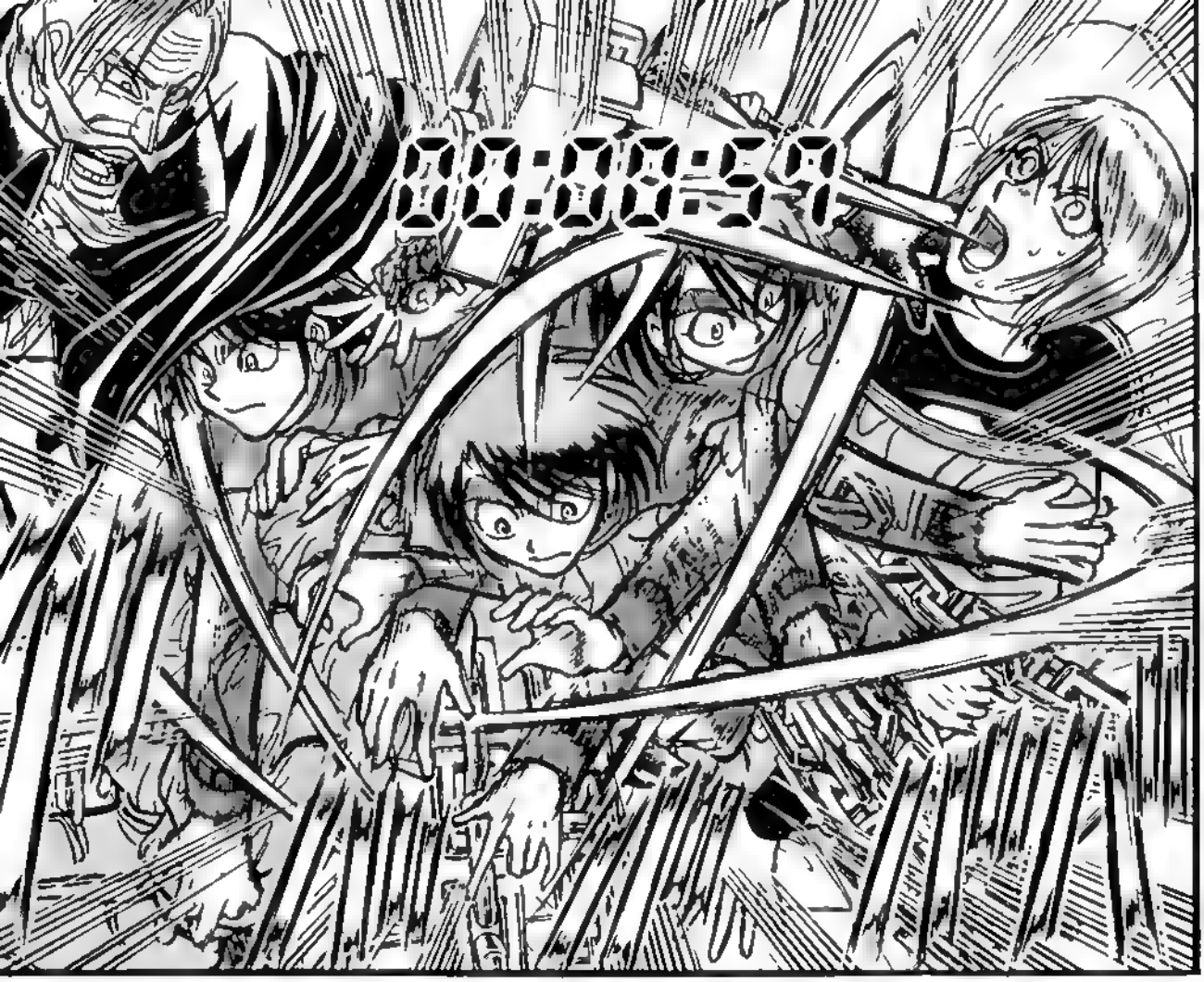
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W-WHAT?! YOU...

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DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU ARE...

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AHH HH!!

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HER?!!!
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WHOOOH!!
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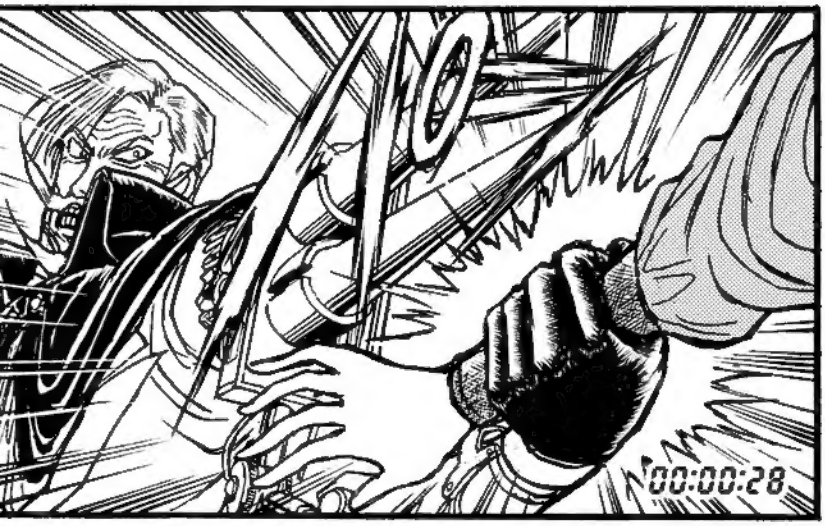
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I WON'T LET YOU GO!
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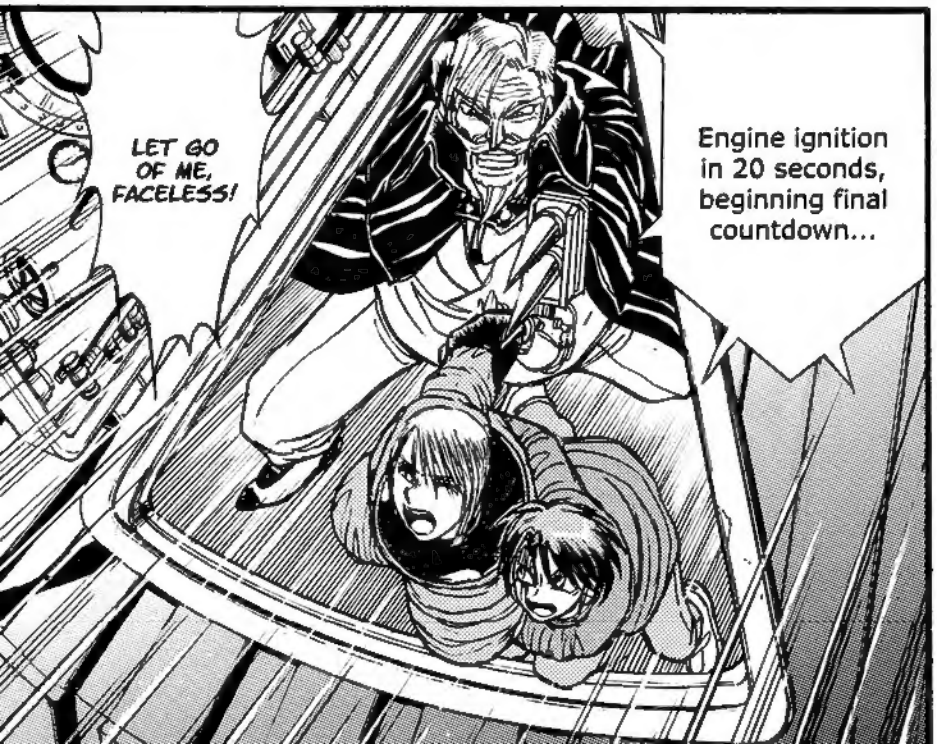
LET GO OF ME, FACELESS!
Engine ignition in 20 seconds, beginning final countdown...

AHH HH...
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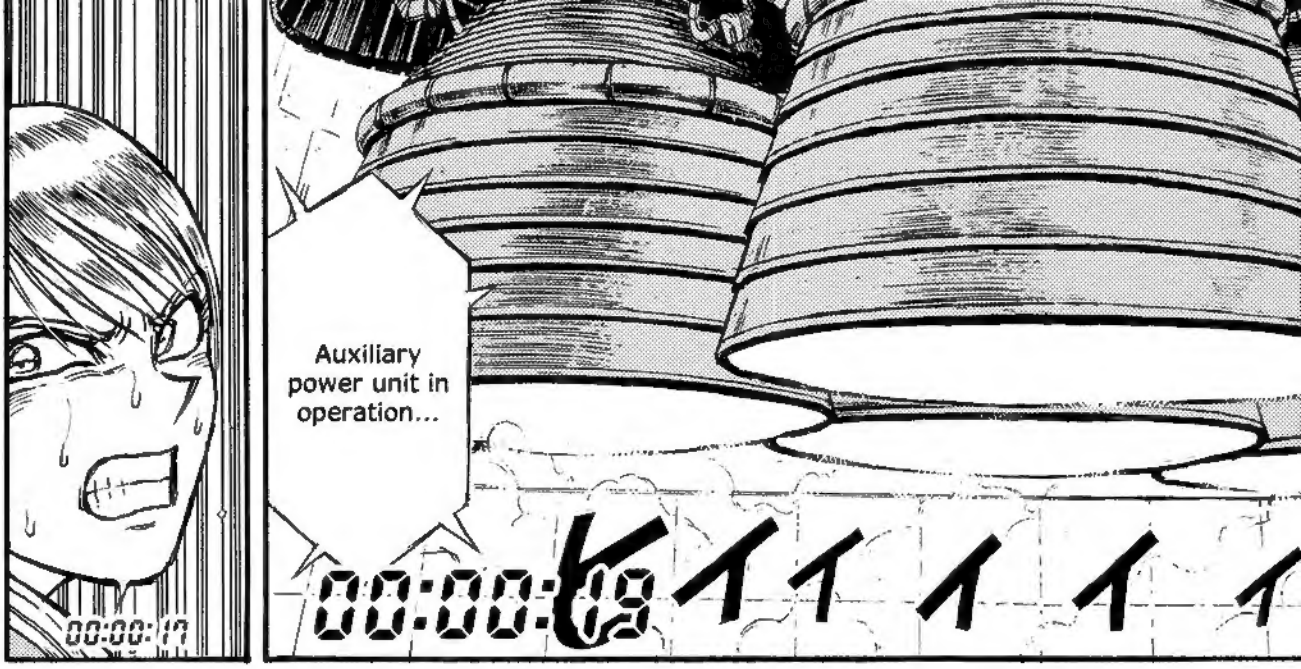
Auxiliary power unit in operation...
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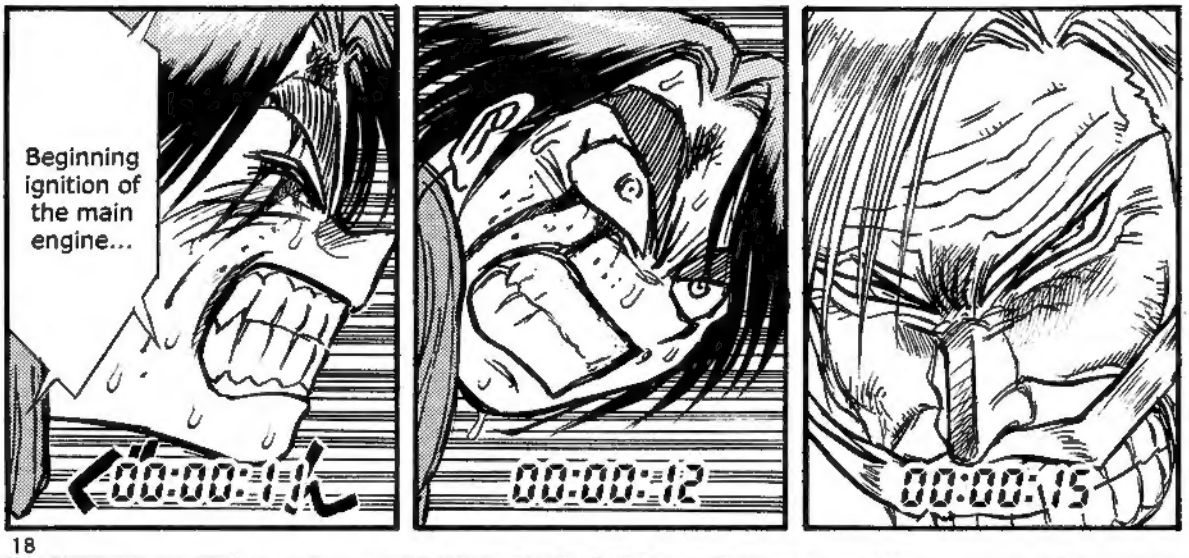
Beginning ignition of the main engine...
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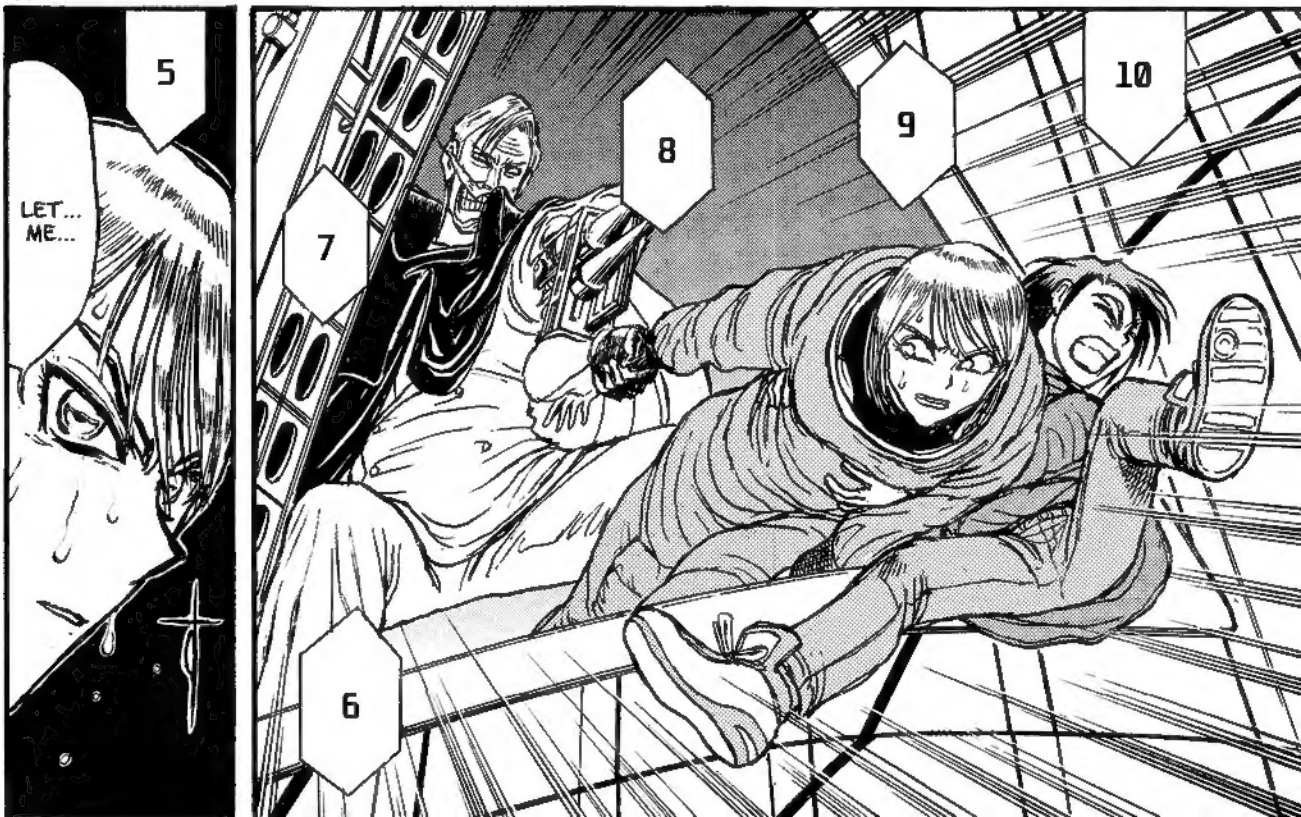
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LET... ME...
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GO!!
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Booster ignition!

Lift-
off!
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